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Amendments to Claims

Please amend claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-13, 16, 18 and 19. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of playing a wagering game comprising:
accepting a first wager dependent upon ~~[[the]]~~ conventional rules of the wagering game;

accepting a second wager;

conducting said wagering game; game, said wagering game being conducted at a wagering game table wherein playing cards, dice and/or a roulette wheel are utilized;

resolving the first wager according to the conventional rules of the wagering game; and

if an outcome of said wagering game is in a group of one or more pre-established outcomes, resolving said second wager by activating a ball dispenser, ~~containing~~ dispenser containing a plurality of balls, said ball dispenser in proximity to ~~[[a]]~~ the wagering game table wherein said ball dispenser facilitates a selection of one or more random balls, said one or more ~~random~~ randomly selected balls determining a reward associated with said second wager.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the wagering game is blackjack and one of the ~~preestablished~~ pre-established outcomes is a player being dealt blackjack.

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3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the wagering game is blackjack and one of the ~~preestablished~~ pre-established outcomes is a player being dealt blackjack.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein numerals depicted on said one or more selected balls act as a multiplier of the second wager such that the amount of the reward associated with the second wager is determined by multiplying the second wager by the numerals depicted on said one or more selected balls.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein numerals depicted on the one or more selected balls equal an amount of the reward associated with the second wager.
6. (currently amended) A wagering game comprising:
a gaming table having a layout including a first wager area and a second wager area, said first wager area corresponding to a first wager based on conventional rules of the wagering game, said second wager area corresponding to a second wager based on one or more ~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering game outcomes; and
a ball dispenser, holding a plurality of balls, in proximity to the gaming table wherein said ball dispenser facilitates a selection of one or more random balls, said one or more selected random balls determining a reward associated with said second wager.
7. (currently amended) The game of claim 6 wherein the wagering game is blackjack and one of the ~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering game outcomes is a player being dealt blackjack.

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8. (currently amended) The game of claim 6 wherein the wagering game is blackjack and one of the ~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering game comes is a dealer being dealt blackjack.
9. (original) The game of claim 6 wherein numerals depicted on said one or more selected balls act as a multiplier of the second wager such that the amount of the reward associated with the second wager is determined by multiplying the second wager by the numerals depicted on said one or more selected balls.
10. (original) The game of claim 6 wherein numerals depicted on said one or more selected balls equal an amount of the reward associated with the second wager.
11. (currently amended) An electronic gaming machine comprising:
a processor in communication with a random number generator and a display;
and
an interface for a player to input a first wager and a second wager;
wherein said processor causes a wagering game to be displayed on said display,
said processor further resolves said second wager in response to one or more
~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering game outcomes by simulating a ball
dispenser controlled by said random number generator whereby one or more selected
balls determine a reward corresponding to said second wager.
12. (currently amended) The electronic gaming machine of claim 11 wherein
the wagering game is blackjack and one of the ~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering
game outcomes is a player being dealt blackjack.

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13. (currently amended) The electronic gaming machine of claim 11 wherein the wagering game is blackjack and one of the ~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering game outcomes is a simulated dealer being dealt blackjack.

14. (original) The gaming machine of claim 11 wherein numerals depicted on the one or more selected balls multiply an amount of the second wager to establish the amount of the reward associated with the second wager.

15. (original) The gaming machine of claim 11 wherein numerals depicted on the one or more selected balls equates to an amount of the reward associated with the second wager.

16. (currently amended) A method of playing a game of blackjack comprising:
accepting a blackjack wager;
accepting a second wager based on a player being dealt blackjack;
conducting said game of blackjack;
resolving the blackjack wager according to conventional rules of blackjack;
and if the player is dealt blackjack, resolving said second wager by activating a ball dispenser, ~~containing~~ dispenser containing a plurality of balls, said ball dispenser in proximity to a blackjack table wherein said ball dispenser facilitates a selection of one or more random balls, said one or more selected random balls determining a reward associated with said second wager.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the second wager is based on a dealer being dealt blackjack.

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18. (currently amended) A combination for facilitating play of a wagering game comprising:

a wagering game table; and

a ball dispenser containing a plurality of balls wherein said ball dispenser facilitates a random selection of one more of the plurality ~~of balls~~ of balls, said selection in response to one or more pre-established wagering game outcomes.

19. (currently amended) The combination of claim 18 wherein the random selection of one or more of the plurality of balls is in response to one or more ~~preestablished~~ pre-established wagering game outcomes.

20. (original) The combination of claim 18 wherein the wagering game table facilitates play of blackjack.

21. (original) The combination of claim 20 wherein the random selection of one or more of the plurality of balls is in response to a player being dealt blackjack.

22. (original) The combination of claim 20 wherein the random selection of one or more of the plurality of balls is in response to a dealer being dealt blackjack.

23. (original) The combination of claim 18 wherein the random selection of one or more of the plurality of balls determines a wagering game reward.